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## Coughlin Sees War In Europe by 1940; Urges U. S. Keep Aloof

Democracy Need Not Be Sacrificed for Security, Radio Priest Says

By the Associated Press.

DETROIT, Jan. 2.—The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, predicting a European war by 1940, urged in a radio broadcast yesterday that the United States "stand aloof."

"On every hand nations are either at war," the Royal Oak (Mich.) priest asserted, "or are busy arming against the inevitable day when Communism and Nazism meet in a combat unto death."

"Spokesmen, both official and unofficial, in our own country are intimating that we must prepare to take sides in this impending struggle."

Propagandists in other neutral nations are bending every effort to have their governments commit themselves to one side or the other.

"Possibly—yes, probably—Europe will be in war by 1940. The forces of Nazism and Communism will clash in mortal combat. America must stand aloof!"

**War Not Solution in U. S.**

"At home there are still 12,000,000 men out of work. We will not liquidate them by teaching them how to manufacture poison gas or shrapnel or by dressing them up as targets for enemy machine guns. Rather, we will turn our minds to solving the industrial and agricultural problems which confront us."

Father Coughlin said that "unfortunately, many of our citizens entertain the opinion that American democracy must be sacrificed in order to gain economic security," and added:

"No true American can entertain favor for either Communism or Nazism; no true American can re-

frain from forcefully condemning both these excesses, cost what it may; and no intelligent American can conclude that, to obtain economic redress, we must sacrifice our democracy."

The priest declared that "1939 and the years immediately following will witness the completion of the present cycle in which we are living—a cycle which will culminate only with victory for Communism, or Nazism, or in the supremacy of Christian democracy over both."

**Asks Stand on Liberty.**

He said that the American Civil War was fought "to preserve the unity of this Nation," and asked: "How many Americans are there this New Year Day who are willing to engage in a more important civil conflict, if necessary, to preserve the democratic liberties of this country?"

The priest said "1939 will witness a very definite and determined effort on the part of a certain group in America to convert our democracy into a dictatorship," said the new year was "ushered into America with a fanfare of militarism," and continued:

"All this propaganda for military preparedness and war expenditures originates with those powerful internationalists who are determined to line us up with the Communists in the impending European war."

Father Coughlin said Congress soon will receive several measures "for the purpose of centralizing all power, all industry, all commerce and all American activity in the hands of a small group of unelected men at Washington."

Such bills, he commented, "are prepared to destroy democracy, to hurl us into a hell of war on the side of Communism and to establish a dictatorial government to be arrived at through the hysteria of a war scare."

**Cardinal O'Connell Hits 'Lustful' Dictators**

BOSTON, Jan. 2 (AP).—William Cardinal O'Connell, denouncing "lustful" tyrants and dictators, yesterday asserted that "poisoned ambition that is in the heads and hearts of the rulers today is really at the bottom of all the trouble in the world."

"Until the rulers of the world begin to understand that their duty is first of all toward others it is futile to look for any solution," he said.

The cardinal, dean of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in America, addressed 2,500 members of the Holy Name Society of Boston at the Holy Cross Cathedral. He did not name the "rulers" to whom he referred.

"When rulers defy the law of God, when they are filled with pride and lust, power and ambition; when, in a word, the humility which Christ came to teach mankind is forgotten, then there is nothing left but futility, despair and brute force," he said.

**Automobiles Sold at \$5**

Automobiles were sold at \$5 each and sewing machines and typewriters at 75 cents in the streets of Canton as a result of looting following "occupation" by the Japanese.

## Conquest of Longs Peak Hailed As Greatest of U. S. Climbs

By the Associated Press.

DENVER, Jan. 2.—Muscle sore but elated, 23-year-old Edwin Watson said today he "guessed he was a little lucky" in being the first person to scale in winter the sheer east face of 14,255-foot Longs Peak—described as "the most remarkable feat of solo climbing in the country's history."

Mr. Watson battled his way cannily through deep snowdrifts shrouding crevices and precipices, crawled over glaciers and clung desperately to infrequent rocky fingers in his ascent yesterday to the wind-whipped summit of the peak in Rocky Mountain National Park, approximately 80 miles northwest of Denver.

Charles E. Hewes, veteran Estes Park innkeeper who has seen spectacular climbs for the past 30 years, attributed Mr. Watson's successful ascent to careful preparation and familiarity with the peak.

"It was by far the most remarkable ascent in the history of mountain climbing in North America," said Mr. Hewes.

"I'll admit I don't feel so hot, but I'm glad I made it," said Mr. Watson after he returned to his home here. "I did it because I had heard so often about parties of climbers attempting it in winter and never reaching the top. So I just thought I'd give it a try."

Mr. Watson waited for weeks until the weather was calm enough for the ascent. He began the climb Saturday, encamped a little above timberline that night, and resumed the laborious trek early yesterday morning. Along the route he left red flags at three places to commemorate his feat.

The youth gave much credit for his successful climb to the home-made grampons—spikes—wore on his shoes. Without them, he said, he might have slipped to his death in one of the many crevices he encountered.

"And then," he said, "I wouldn't have been a live hero—I'd have been a dead fool."

**Seven in Family Die As Auto Plunges Into Creek**

Only Driver Escapes When Car Swerves From Bridge

By the Associated Press.

GREENVILLE, Ala., Jan. 2.—Authorities today studied the cause of an accident which brought death to seven members of the William Sexton family when their automobile plunged into Little Pigeon Creek near here while they were en route to have New Year Day dinner with relatives.

Only one of the occupants of the automobile escaped when it swerved off a narrow, unbridged bridge 9 miles east of here yesterday and plummeted 20 feet, end over end, into 22 feet of water.

He was Kendrick Thomas, 27, employee of a Greenville lumber firm, who was driving the family to Honorville for what was to have been a happy reunion of three generations of the Sexton family.

The dead: William Sexton, 55; Mrs. William Sexton, 54; Mrs. Kendrick Thomas, 25, their daughter; Emmett Ray Sexton, 15, a son; Miss Gussie Sexton, 23, a daughter; Sarah Davison, 13, a granddaughter; Bruce Crews, 4, a grandson.

Mr. Thomas was quoted by State Highway Patrol Sgt. Tom Carlisle as saying he applied the brakes as he approached the narrow plank bridge, which spans the deep creek at the foot of an incline.

"Something went wrong with the left wheel," Sgt. Carlisle said.

## 19 of 20 Miners Saved In Indiana Mine Fire, Recovering in Homes

100 Rescuers Reach Men After 14 Hours; Gas Brings Death to One

By the Associated Press.

CLINTON, Ind., Jan. 2.—Smoke curled lazily skyward today from the shaft of the Clinton Coal Co. Crown Hill coal mine No. 6, near here, a grim reminder of a fire which brought death to one miner and forced 19 others to spend New Year eve huddled together for 14 nerve-shattering hours 168 feet underground.

The 19 survivors, gaunt but thankful, were recuperating in their homes from the effects of after-damp, dreaded mine gas, which entered their lungs as they waited in a remote corner of the mine for more than 100 frantic rescuers, working in relays, to bring freedom.

Jesse Hayes, 35, father of three children, was believed to have wandered away from his fellow workers and encountered a pocket of gas which caused his death.

Mine fire fighters began today to battle the blaze which miners believe was started by a fallen electric wire in a section of the tunnel between the men and the exit shaft.

Rescuers, early yesterday, waded waist-deep through another tunnel, abandoned for 20 years, broke down a barrier and reached the men from behind.

The rescued men were Frank Stewart, 53, section boss; Lewis Reed, 50; Tom Rayce, Floris Simpson, 38; John Vearo, 37; Albert Colombo, 32; Clarence Carty, 35; Homer Hollingsworth, 30; Roy Tyler, 36; Howard Wright, 41; Harvey Newport, 71; Natalie Muscarelli, 55; St. Mattheo, 29; Lloyd Beard, 38; Roy Hollingsworth, 32; George Merritt, 35; John H. Rivnak, 48; Jim Graves, 42, and Steve Yeager, 50.

Mr. Stewart, the section boss, said some of the men fainted when their rescuers arrived. But 73-year-old

**C. U. Priest Predicts Fall of Dictatorships**

The Very Rev. Ignatius Smith, O.P., predicted yesterday "that the 'godless dictatorships' would fall like the great but godless nations which once occupied Northern Africa, much of which is now a desert land."

The Catholic University priest spoke on the Catholic Radio Hour, broadcast over Station WOL from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Eighth and N streets N.W.

"The rights of God and His people, the real owners of nations," Msgr. Smith said, "cannot be ignored."

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Nearly 150 men were working in the mine when the fire was discovered as a worker started for the exit, but all escaped with the exception of the 20.

Cheers from nearly 3,000 persons greeted the miners as, one by one, they reached the surface, until it was learned Mr. Hayes had been found dead.

**Nevada Miner Rescued.**

VIRGINIA CITY, Nev., Jan. 2 (AP).—Fellow workers yesterday rescued George Peterson, 35, after 12 hours of digging through caved-in earth which entombed the miner between

the 300 and 400 foot levels of the old South Comstock silver mine. Mr. Peterson was suffering only from shock.

The cave-in caught Mr. Peterson in a slope and put about 60 feet of earth between him and the only available means of escape. Rescuers soon opened a small hole through which they were able to communicate with him.

**4 Boys Burn to Death**

ROANOKE, Ala., Jan. 2 (AP).—Four high school youths were burned to death near here last Saturday night following a collision of a school bus and an automobile.

The bus caught fire immediately after the impact and the boys were unable to extricate themselves from the wreckage. The victims were Millard Benefield, 18; Junior Swann, 16; James Caldwell, 16, and Britt Caldwell, 14.

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